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ALBANIAN AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IMPROVE

MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 9 Jan 53

Mechanization of agriculture in Albania is developing from year to year. In 1952, the number of tractor parks for MTS increased 30 percent over the number in 1951. In 1951, each tractor worked only 180 hectares, while in 1952 each worked 246 hectares. Despite the fact that the work load had increased 150 percent, the 1952 MTS plan was fulfilled 100.3 percent.

GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES REPORTED -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 21 Apr 53

The Second Congress of Albanian Agricultural Cooperatives met on 20 April 1953 to hear a report on the development of the cooperative movement and on the tasks confronting the cooperatives. The congress was attended by 240 delegates, including 60 women.

The number of cooperatives grew from 58 in 1949, when the First Congress of Cooperatives took place, to 118 in 1953.

SPRING SOWING -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 22 Mar 53

Spring sowing in Albania began in the first half of March. Peasants planted sugar beets, barley, lucerne, potatoes, and green vegetables. The total area under cultivation increased 3 percent in 1953. The area under industrial crops increased 5 percent; the increases include the following (in percent): cotton, 10; sugar beets, 8; tobacco, 17.

The productivity of tractors increased 21 percent. The state aided the peasants with seeds, fertilizers, and technical information. In 1953, the government assigned almost twice as many credits for the spring planting as in 1952. In return, the peasants promised to finish the planting early and to use advanced agricultural methods.

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OLIVE TREE PLANTING INCREASED -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 18 Feb 53

Olive growing is one of the great industries in Albania. Production of olive oil now suffices for domestic use and for export. In 1944, there were about one million olive trees in the country. Now, there are large olive groves in various parts of Albania and more nurseries for young saplings are being set up. The number of olive trees has increased 26 percent since 1944. Improvements in the care of trees and inculcation of advanced agricultural methods have increased the yield 20 percent above the prewar figure.

The Five-Year Plan provides for increased planting, and research on the most favorable soil for this culture. Means of controlling olive-tree pests are also being studied.

MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK -- Moscow, Pravda, 4 Feb 53 .

The Albanian Council of Ministers passed a resolution on the improvement and development of livestock breeding in state farms and animal husbandry enterprises, agricultural cooperatives, and individual holdings. The resolution reports achievements in developing animal husbandry in Albania. The greatest increase in livestock occurred in agricultural cooperatives. In 1951, agricultural cooperatives showed a 23 percent increase in bovines and a 71 percent increase in sheep. The resolution suggests several measures for still further increases.

The Five-Year Plan provides for the following increases in livestock breeding in 1955 over the 1950 figures (in percent): buffaloes, 9; other bovines, 8; sheep, 8; hogs 2.5.

More translations of Soviet scientific works on animal husbandry will be published to popularize Soviet methods of improving livestock.

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